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Wildlife Crimes
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of wildlife crime and illegal trafficking in wildlife reported in the country including Assam during last three years and the current year, State-wise;
(b) whether the Wildlife Crime Control Bureau has not been able to adequately control organized wildlife crime including trafficking in the country and specially in Assam;
(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and
(d) the steps taken by the Government to re-vitalise wildlife crime control bureau in the country, particularly in Guwahati?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a) Number of case of wildlife crime and illegal trafficking in wildlife reported by various enforcement agencies including Wildlife Crime Control Bureau along with the data received from Assam during the last three years is at Annexure.
However, the data for the current year is not available in the Ministry.

(b),(c)&(d)The mandate of Wildlife Crime Control Bureau is to collect and collate intelligence and facilitate action of the States in combating wildlife crime and illegal trafficking. It has played an important role in providing intelligence/assistance to the States in detection and apprehension of criminals of organized crime, specially Pangolin trade, turtle trade, elephant ivory cases., Tiger body part and other wildlife species.
Besides, it also plays an important role in training, sensitizing and awareness building amongst the various stakeholders. In Assam, Wildlife Crime Control Bureau has been working together with the State enforcement agencies to curb illegal wildlife crime which has also resulted in apprehension of accused in wildlife crime cases. A sub-regional unit of the Bureau has been set up at Guwahati.

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